

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

TARIFF FILING OF OLDHAM COUNTY WATER)
DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM BILLS) CASE NO. 8455
FOR METERS LARGER THAN 5/8-INCH)

O R D E R

On January 26, 1982, Oldham County Water District ("Oldham County") filed a revised tariff sheet with the Public Service Commission ("Commission"), in which it proposed to establish minimum bill rates for water service using meters larger than 5/8-inch meters, to establish a flat deposit amount, and to increase certain service charges to be effective March 1, 1982. On February 16, 1982, the Commission entered its Order suspending application of the proposed rates and charges for a period of 5 months beginning March 1, 1982. Subsequently, on March 19, 1982, the Commission issued an Order requesting additional information which was filed on April 1, 1982.

The Commission, having reviewed the evidence of record and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

1. Establishment of a flat rate deposit for all customers is contrary to 807 KAR 5:006, Section 7. Oldham County has failed to show good cause for deviation from the regulation. Therefore, the proposed flat rate deposit should be denied.

2. The increases in service charges proposed by Oldham County are fair, just and reasonable and should be approved.

3. The minimum bill rates proposed by Oldham County are unfair, unjust and unreasonable in that these rates applied to the proposed usage levels would constitute a rate increase for some 63 customers served by the larger meters and would produce approximately \$5,454 in additional annual revenue without sufficient notification or justification. The rates should, therefore, be denied.

4. The minimum bill rates in Appendix A are the fair, just and reasonable rates to be charged by Oldham County for large meter service in that the minimum usage levels have been adjusted to reflect the associated costs in accordance with Oldham County's approved rate schedule.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that deviation from 807 KAR 5:006, Section 7, Deposits, be and it hereby is denied.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the service charges proposed by Oldham County in Appendix A be and they hereby are approved for service rendered on and after the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the minimum bill rates proposed by Oldham County be and they hereby are denied.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the minimum bill rates in Appendix A be and they hereby are approved for service rendered on and after the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within 30 days of the date of this Order, Oldham County shall file its revised tariff sheets setting out the rates and charges approved herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 10th day of June, 1982.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Marlin W. Voh
Chairman

Katherine Randall
Vice Chairman

Jim Cawg
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 8455 DATED JUNE 10, 1982

The following rates and charges are prescribed for customers of Oldham County Water District. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of the Commission prior to the date of this Order.

MINIMUM BILLS

| <u>Meter Size</u> | <u>Usage</u> | <u>Rate</u> |
|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 3/4-inch | 3,000 gallons or less | \$ 8.00 minimum |
| 1-inch | 4,000 gallons or less | 10.00 minimum |
| 1½-inch | 7,667 gallons or less | 16.00 minimum |
| 2-inch | 9,000 gallons or less | 18.00 minimum |
| 3-inch | 16,000 gallons or less | 25.00 minimum |

All usage above the minimum usage will be billed at the appropriate general services rates.

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| Reconnect fee after discontinuance for nonpayment | \$10.00 |
| Reconnect fee where meter has been removed | 25.00 |
| Returned check charge | 5.00 |